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Re: Application of: GILBERT, Carl W. et al.

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For: **BIFUNCTIONAL ENERGY-REVERSIBLE ACETIC ACID
COMPOSITIONS**

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 30, 2002

Sir:

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. §609 and 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97-1.99, Applicants herewith submit form PTO-1449 which lists references cited in the present application and of which Applicants are aware.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. While the term "references" is used in citing the documents called to the Examiner's attention herein, Applicants do not make any admission that each or all of them are "prior art" references within the meaning of the statutory and case law.

Applicants reserve the right to contend, where appropriate, that a patent asserted against any claim of the present application is not prior art under the facts and the law.

Applicants also reserve the right to present appropriate arguments and/or evidence to establish patentability over the references, should one or more of the references be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Applicants request that the Examiner independently determine those items which the Examiner would consider the most pertinent of all the references cited herein.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of this application and/or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, this document complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b). If, on the other hand, it is determined that a fee is due or that any overpayment has been made, it is requested that such sum be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0217. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Additionally, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.25(b), please treat this and any concurrent or future reply in this application that requires any fee due during the entire pendency of this application as incorporating authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0217.

It is respectfully requested that the reference cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 Form be considered and made of record

Respectfully submitted,

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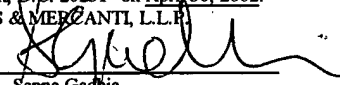
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